



## Federal Legislative Activities - Week of July 7, 2014

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Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of July 7, 2014 below.

### **Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity**

#### **Tuesday, July 8th**

10 AM | Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families. Hearing to examine the challenges of prevention and identification in child trafficking and private re-homing.

7:30 PM | House Veterans' Affairs Full Committee Hearing – VA Whistleblowers. Click to view the webcast [live](#).

#### **Wednesday, July 9th**

10 AM | House Budget Full Committee Hearing – A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: *Working Families in Need*. Click [here](#) to review the House Budget Committees *War on Poverty*.

10 AM | House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment Committee Markup – FY15 Appropriations: Interior and Environment. Click [here](#) to view the mark up and watch the hearing live.

10 AM | House Science, Space and Technology Full Committee Hearing – *Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?* Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

### **Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules – Wednesday, July 9th, and the Balance of the Week**

[H.R. 803](#) - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Sponsored by Rep. Virginia Foxx / Education and the Workforce Committee). The bill revamps the nation's workforce development, job training and employment services system to better coordinate federal, state and local programs and services and place a greater emphasis on education and training that will result in employment in in-demand industries and occupations. It repeals the 1998 Workforce Investment Act and replaces it with a new authorization for state and local workforce systems, the Job Corps, certain national programs, and adult education and literacy — including by eliminating 15 programs and establishing a set of common performance indicators for all core programs

[H.R. 4923](#) - Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. The bill appropriates \$34.2 billion in programmatic funding for FY 2015 for Energy Department programs and water projects conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers, slightly less than comparable current funding, and \$34 billion in net discretionary spending subject to budget caps — \$50 million less than the current level but \$327 million (1%) more than requested.

[H.R. 4718](#) - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation. The bill modifies and makes permanent the 50% bonus depreciation rules for businesses that place certain new property in service in a tax year. Bonus appreciation was last extended in the January 2013 "fiscal cliff" law (PL 112-240) and expired at the end of the 2013 tax year. Under the measure, the cost of permanently extending these rules would not be offset, which would add an estimated \$287 billion to the deficit over 10 years.

[H.R. 1528](#) – Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act. This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that veterinarians are not required to have separate registrations to dispense controlled substances outside of their principal place of business, including farms, if the use of these substances is required in the usual course of veterinary practice in the state where the veterinarian is licensed to practice.

**Thursday, July 10th**

9:15 AM | House Veterans' Affairs Full Committee Hearing – VA Mental Health Care: *Service should not lead to suicide: Access to VA's Mental Health Care*. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

2 PM | House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements Hearing – Medicare Oversight. *Medicare Mismanagement Part II: Exploring Medicare Appeals Reform*.

2:30 PM | Senate Appropriations Full Committee Hearing – Emergency Supplemental Request for Unaccompanied Children. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

**Friday, July 11th**

10 AM | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health Hearing – Patient Perspectives in Health Care. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.